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TAGS: OVIP, (VAN VOLLENHOVEN, PETER)

SUBJECT: PETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES

- 1. CHARGE WAS INFORMED JULY 27 BY PETER VAN VOLLENHAVEN'S SECRETARY (VAN VOLLENHOVEN IS HUSBAND OF PRINCESS MARGRIET) THAT HE IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES DURING SECOND HALF OF AUGUST ON KLM BUSINESS. WHILE THERE HE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM HIMSELF ON US HIGHWAY SAFETY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES. LIKE THE VISIT OF PRINCESS MARGRIET AND VAN VOLLENHOVEN MADE TO THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THIS WOULD BE A PRIVATE VISIT ALTHOUGH THIS TIME FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE MENTIONED ABOVE. PRINCESS MARGRIET DOES NOT PLAN TO ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND.
- 2. VAN VOLLENHOVEN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE NAMES, FUNCTIONS AND ADDRESSES OF HIGHWAY OFFICIALS IN SEVERAL OF THE STATES WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF AUTOMOBILE DRIVING SAFETY THROUGH PERIODIC INSPECTION, STRICT CRITERIA FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT ITEMS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, ETC. VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S INTEREST IS FOCUSED ON HIGHWAY SAFETY AND DOES NOT RPT NOT ENCOMPASS ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS. IN ADDITION TO TALKING TO DOT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON HE IS PREPARED TO FLY TO WHATEVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES ARE RECOMMENDED TO HIM AS OFFERING THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO

LEARN ABOUT AND OBSERVE US HIGHWAY SAFETY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES IN OPERATION.

3. DOT'S ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED TO INFORM VAN VOLLENHOVEN, VIA EMBASSY THE HAGUE, AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE OF APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AND IN SEVERAL OF THE STATES. AFTER HE HAS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION WE WILL ADVISE DOT FURTHER AS TO HIS PLANS. IN RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTION HE WILL ALSO IN GOOD TIME PUT THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN THE PICTURE. THE LATTER SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. TANGUY

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